



## Supreme Court weighs policy for migrants to wait in Mexico

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) —

When a woman gashed her leg in mountains inhabited by snakes and scorpions, she told Joel Úbeda to take her 5-year-old daughter. Úbeda refused to let the mother die, despite the advice of their smuggler and another migrant in a group of seven, and helped carry her to safety by shining a mirror in sunlight to flag a U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter near San Diego.

The motorcycle mechanic, who used his house in Nicaragua as collateral for a \$6,500 smuggling fee, says the worst day of his life was yet to come.

Arrested after the encounter with U.S. agents, Úbeda learned two days later that he could not pursue asylum in the United States while living with a cousin in Miami. Instead, he would have to wait in the Mexican border city of Tijuana for hearings in U.S. immigration court under a Trump-era policy that will be argued Tuesday before the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Joe Biden halted



A man from Nicaragua sits at a shelter for migrants Thursday, April 21, 2022, in Tijuana, Mexico.

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the "Remain in Mexico" policy his first day in office. A judge forced him to reinstate it in December, but barely 3,000 migrants were enrolled by the end of

March, making little impact during a period when authorities stopped migrants about 700,000 times at the border.

Úbeda, like many migrants

at a Tijuana shelter, had never heard of the policy, officially called "Migrant Protection Protocols." It was widely known under President Donald Trump,

who enrolled about 70,000 migrants after launching it in 2019 and making it a centerpiece of efforts to deter asylum-seekers.

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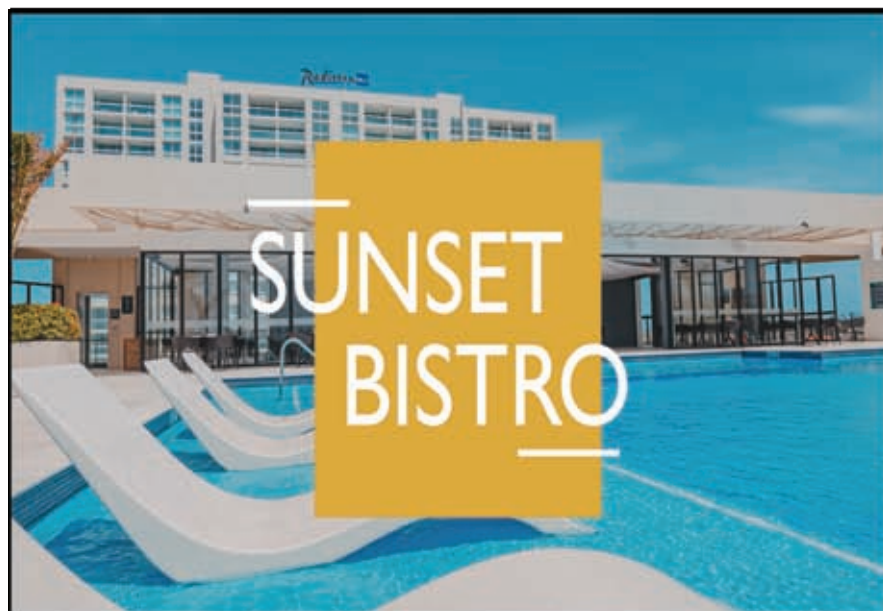
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"It's a frightening experience," Úbeda said after a telephone call with his mother to consider whether to return to Nicaragua to reunite with her, his wife and his daughter. He was perplexed that a vast majority of Nicaraguans are released in the U.S. to pursue asylum, including the woman he saved and her daughter.

Nearly 2,200 asylum-seekers, or 73% of those enrolled through March, are from Nicaragua, with nearly all the rest from Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador and Venezuela. Yet even among Nicaraguans, the policy is

small in scope. U.S. authorities stopped Nicaraguans more than 56,000 times from December to March. Criticisms of the policy are the same under Biden and Trump: Migrants are terrified in dangerous Mexican border cities and it is extremely difficult to find lawyers from Mexico.



**Emil Cardenas, of Colombia, waits at a shelter for migrants Thursday, April 21, 2022, in Tijuana, Mexico. Associated Press**



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U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, in an October order to end "Remain in Mexico," reluctantly conceded that the policy caused a drop in weak asylum claims under Trump but said it did not justify the harms.

Emil Cardenas, 27, said he bloodied his foot and drank his urine after running out of water on a three-day hike in mountains near San Diego with a smuggler who took a \$10,000 installment toward his fee and stole his passport, phone and other identification.

Cardenas hoped to live near his brother, a Catholic priest in New Jersey, while seeking asylum but waits at the Tijuana shelter for his first hearing in San Diego on May 18. He is disheartened to see others at the shelter on their third or fourth hearing. "One has to find a way to get across," said Cardenas, a Colombian who had attempted twice to enter the U.S. "I'm thinking about what to do."

While waiting for hearings, men at the shelter are attached to smartphones — reading, watching videos and occasionally calling friends and family. A large

television facing rows of tables and plastic chairs helps defeat boredom.

Many have been robbed and assaulted in Mexico, making them too scared to leave the shelter. Some chat in small groups but most keep to themselves, lost in thought.

Carlos Humberto Castellano, who repaired cell phones in Colombia and wants to join family in New York, cried for two days after being returned to Tijuana to wait for a court date in San Diego. It cost him about \$6,500 to fly to Mexico and pay a smuggler to cross the border, leaving him in debt, he said.

"I can't leave (the shelter) because I don't know what could happen," said Castellano, 23, recalling that his smuggler took a photo of him. "Getting kidnapped is the fear."

The issue before the Supreme Court is whether the policy is discretionary and can be ended, as the Biden administration argues, or is the only way to comply with what Texas and Missouri say is a congressional command not to release the migrants in the United States. □



# Warren calls McCarthy a 'liar' and 'traitor' over Jan 6 tape

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren is slamming Rep. Kevin McCarthy as a "liar and a traitor" over recordings that show the House Republican leader — despite his denials — placing responsibility on then-President Donald Trump for the Capitol riot and suggesting Trump should resign.

It's unusually strong language to use against the House Republican leader, who is in line to become speaker — second in presidential succession — if Republicans win control of the House in the November elections.

But Warren's statement reflects a swell of Democratic criticism against McCarthy. They point to his recorded comments in January 2021 as proof that GOP lawmakers at the highest levels privately acknowledge Trump's role in the insurrection at the Capitol yet continue to defend him in public.

McCarthy, R-Calif., denied a New York Times report last week that detailed phone conversations with House Republican leadership shortly after the riot that he thought Trump should resign. He called it "totally



Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks during a Senate Banking Committee hearing, March 3, 2022 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

false." But in an audio first posted Thursday by the newspaper and aired on Rachel Maddow's MSNBC show, McCarthy is heard discussing the possibility of urging Trump to leave office amid the Democratic push to impeach him.

Asked Sunday about her reaction, Warren, D-Mass., called the circumstances "outrageous."

"Kevin McCarthy is a liar and a traitor," she told CNN's "State of the Union."

"That is really the illness that pervades the Republican leadership right now, that they say one thing to the American public and something else in private," Warren said.

"They understand that it is wrong what happened, an attempt to overthrow our government and that the Republicans instead want to continue to try to figure out how to make 2020 election different instead of spending their energy

on how it is that we go forward in order to build an economy, in order to make this country work better for the people who sent us to Washington."

"Shame on Kevin McCarthy," she said.

There was no immediate response Sunday from McCarthy's office to a request for comment.

The crowd that attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, marched there from a rally near the White House

where Trump had implored them to fight to overturn Democrat Joe Biden's victory in the presidential election, saying falsely the election was stolen. Trump has denied responsibility for the violence.

McCarthy has been a person of interest for the House committee investigating the storming of the Capitol. The committee requested an interview with McCarthy in mid-January, seeking information on his communications with Trump and White House staff in the week after the violence, including a conversation with Trump that was reportedly heated.

McCarthy issued a statement at the time saying he would refuse to cooperate because he saw the investigation as not legitimate and accused the panel of "abuse of power."

Trump and McCarthy had a strained relationship after the Capitol attack, but made amends after the GOP leader flew to the former president's resort in Florida to smooth things over.

Their alliance renewed, McCarthy is now relying on Trump to help Republicans win the House majority in this November's midterm elections. □

# Overdoses, not COVID-19, drive spike in LA homeless deaths

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly 2,000 homeless people died in Los Angeles County during the first year of the pandemic, an increase of 56% from the previous year, driven mainly by drug overdoses, authorities said.

The findings released Friday in a report from the county's Department of Public Health showed that despite initial fears, the virus itself was not the main culprit in deaths among California's largest-in-the-nation unhoused population. But it did cut people off from mental health and substance abuse treatment after services were drastically reduced to prevent the spread of the virus. Between April 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021, the county

recorded 1,988 deaths of homeless people, up from 1,271 deaths during the same period a year earlier, the report said.

During both of those years, drug overdoses were the leading cause of death but increased by 78% during the pandemic's first year. In the pre-pandemic year, the Department of Public Health reported 402 fatal overdoses. In the year after the outbreak, the number nearly doubled to 715, the report said. The report found that 179 homeless people died from COVID-19 during the pandemic's first year.

"The findings in this report reflect a true state of emergency," said First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis said in a statement. "In a civil

society, it is unacceptable for any of us to not be profoundly disturbed by the shocking needs documented in this year's homeless mortality report."

A study of San Francisco homeless deaths released last month showed similar findings: Between March 2020 and March 2021, there were 331 homeless deaths recorded in San Francisco, more than twice the number of any previous year, with the leading cause of death being drug overdose, according to a study conducted by the University of California San Francisco and the city's Department of Public Health. Los Angeles County is home to the Skid Row neighborhood, notorious for pov-



Officials walk past images of illegal drugs outside the Edward R. Roybal Federal Building on May 13, 2021, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

erty and drugs and where LA's homeless population was once largely confined. Now, rows of tents, cardboard shelters, battered RVs and makeshift plywood structures are familiar sights

throughout the nation's second-most populous city. Cities and states across the country are grappling with growing homelessness, as well as mental health crises. □



# Emergency declaration for multiple wildfires in New Mexico

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)** — New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has signed emergency declarations as 20 wildfires continued to burn Sunday in nearly half of the state's drought-stricken 33 counties.

One wildfire in northern New Mexico that started April 6 merged with a newer fire Saturday to form the largest blaze in the state, leading to widespread evacuations in Mora and San Miguel counties. That fire was at 84 square miles (217 square kilometers) Sunday and 12% contained.

An uncontained wind-driven wildfire in northern New Mexico that began April 17 had charred 81 square miles (209 square kilometers) of ponderosa pine, oak brush and grass by Sunday morning north of Ocate, an unincorporated community in Mora County.

Meanwhile in Arizona, some residents forced to evacuate due to a wildfire near Flagstaff were allowed to return home Sunday morning.

Winds and temperatures in New Mexico diminished Saturday but remained strong enough to still fan fires. Dozens of evacuation orders remained in place. Fire officials were expecting the northern wildfires to slow Sunday as cloud and smoke cover moves in, allowing the forests to retain



San Miguel County Sheriff's Officers patrol N.M. 94 near Penasco Blanco, N.M. as the Calf Fire burns nearby Friday, April 22, 2022.

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more moisture. But they added that the interior portions of the fires could show moderate to extreme behavior, which could threaten structures in those areas. More than 200 structures have been charred by the wildfires thus far and an additional 900 remain threatened, Lujan Grisham said. Fire management officials said an exact damage count was unclear because it's still too dangerous for crews to go in and look at all the homes that have been lost.

"We do not know the magnitude of the structure loss. We don't even know the

areas where most homes made it through the fire, where homes haven't been damaged or anything like that," said operation sections chief Jayson Coil.

Some 1,000 firefighters were battling the wildfires across New Mexico, which already has secured about \$3 million in grants to help with the fires.

Lujan Grisham said she has asked the White House for more federal resources and she's calling for a ban of fireworks statewide.

"We need more federal bodies for firefighting, fire mitigation, public safety support on the ground in

New Mexico," she said. "It's going to be a tough summer. So that's why we are banning fires. And that is why on Monday I will be asking every local government to be thinking about ways to ban the sales of fireworks."

Wildfire has become a year-round threat in the West given changing conditions that include earlier snowmelt and rain coming later in the fall, scientist have said. The problems have been exacerbated by decades of fire suppression and poor management along with a more than 20-year megadrought

that studies link to human-caused climate change.

In Arizona, two large wildfires continued to burn Sunday 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Prescott and 14 miles (22 kilometers) northeast of Flagstaff.

Coconino County authorities lifted the evacuation order Sunday morning for residents living in neighborhoods along Highway 89 after fire management officials determined the Flagstaff-area wildfire no longer posed a threat.

The fire near Flagstaff was at 33 square miles (85 square kilometers) as of Sunday with 3% containment. It forced the evacuation of 766 homes and burned down 30 homes and two dozen other structures since it began a week ago, according to county authorities.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey declared the fire a state of emergency Friday for Coconino County to free up recovery aid to affected communities.

The wildfire near Prescott began last Monday and was at 4.8 square miles (12.4 square kilometers) and 15% contained as of Sunday morning as helicopters and air tankers dropped water and retardant to slow the fire's growth.

The cause of the wildfires in New Mexico and Arizona remain under investigation. □

# Mississippi set to become final state with equal pay law



Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch speaks during a news conference in Jackson, Miss., Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

Associated Press

By **EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS**  
Associated Press  
**JACKSON, Miss. (AP)** — Mis-

issippi will become the final state with a law requiring equal pay for equal

work by women and men. Republican Gov. Tate Reeves signed House Bill 770 on Wednesday, and it will become law July 1.

A 1963 federal law requires equal pay for equal work, but Mississippi has the only state without its own law since Alabama enacted one in 2019.

The Mississippi law says a lawsuit must be filed within two years of when a worker "knew or should have known" about pay discrepancies.

If the pay discrimination lawsuit is successful, the employer would have to increase wages of the

lower-paid worker rather than decrease wages of the higher-paid one, said House Judiciary A Committee Chairwoman Angela Cockerham, an independent from Magnolia who pushed for the legislation. The law says businesses with at least five employees must pay equal wages to women and men who work full-time jobs that require "equal skill, education, effort and responsibility" and that are done "under similar working conditions."

Several exceptions are allowed, including seniority, merit, quantity or quality of production and "any factor

other than sex," including salary history and whether there was competition to hire an employee.

Cassandra Welchlin, leader of the Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable, advocates for equal pay but said the new law is "harmful" because it would allow an employer to pay a woman less than a man based on the pay history that workers bring into new jobs.

A 2017 report by the Mississippi University Research Center showed women earned 27% less than men for full-time work in Mississippi, compared to a 19% wage gap nationwide. □



# France's Macron is reelected but far-right rival raises game

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — French President Emmanuel Macron comfortably won reelection to a second term Sunday, triggering waves of relief among allies that the nuclear-armed European Union nation won't abruptly shift course in the midst of the war in Ukraine from EU and NATO efforts to punish and contain Russia's expansionist military attacks. The second five-year term for the 44-year-old centrist spared France and Europe from the seismic upheaval of having firebrand populist Marine Le Pen at the helm, Macron's presidential runoff challenger who quickly conceded defeat but still appeared on course for her best-ever electoral showing.

Acknowledging that "numerous" voters cast ballots for him simply to keep out the fiercely nationalist far-right Le Pen, Macron pledged to reunite the country that is "filled with so many doubts, so many divisions" and work to assuage the anger of French voters that fed Le Pen's campaign.

"No one will be left by the side of the road," Macron said in a victory speech against the backdrop of the Eiffel Tower and a pro-



French President Emmanuel Macron celebrates with supporters in Paris, France, Sunday, April 24, 2022.

jection of the blue-white-and-red tricolor French flag. He was cheered by several hundred supporters who happily waved French and EU flags.

"We have a lot to do and the war in Ukraine reminds us that we are going through tragic times where France must make its voice heard," Macron said.

During her campaign, Le Pen pledged to dilute French ties with the 27-nation EU, NATO and Germany, moves that would have shaken Europe's security architecture as the continent

deals with its worst conflict since World War II. Le Pen also spoke out against EU sanctions on Russian energy supplies and faced scrutiny during the campaign over her previous friendliness with the Kremlin.

A chorus of European leaders hailed Macron's victory, since France has played a leading role in international efforts to punish Russia with sanctions and is supplying weapons to Ukraine.

"Democracy wins, Europe wins," said Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez.

"Together we will make

France and Europe advance," tweeted European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Italian Premier Mario Draghi hailed Macron's victory as "splendid news for all of Europe" and a boost to the EU "being a protagonist in the greatest challenges of our times, starting with the war in Ukraine."

With more than three-quarters of votes counted, Macron was leading 55% to 45% for Le Pen. Polling agencies projected that once all votes are counted, Macron's margin of vic-

tory would be well above 10 points, although smaller than when they first faced off in 2017.

Macron is the first French president in 20 years to win reelection, since incumbent Jacques Chirac trounced Le Pen's father in 2002.

Le Pen called her results "a shining victory," saying that "in this defeat, I can't help but feel a form of hope."

Breaking through the threshold of 40% of the vote is unprecedented for the French far-right. Le Pen was beaten 66% to 34% by Macron in 2017 and her father got less than 20% against Chirac.

She and hard-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon, one of 10 candidates eliminated in the first round on April 10, both quickly pitched forward Sunday night to France's legislative election in June, urging voters to give them a parliamentary majority to hamstring Macron.

Le Pen's score this time rewarded her years-long efforts to make her far-right politics more palatable to voters. Campaigning hard on cost-of-living issues, she made deep inroads among blue-collar voters in disaffected rural communities and in former industrial centers. □

## Russian officer: Missile to carry several hypersonic weapons

**MOSCOW (AP)** — A new Russian intercontinental ballistic missile is capable of carrying several hypersonic weapons, a senior Russian military officer said Sunday. Col. Gen. Sergei Karayev, the commander of the Russian military's Strategic Missile Forces, said in televised remarks that the new Sarmat ICBM is designed to carry several Avangard hypersonic glide vehicles.

Russia's Defense Ministry said the Sarmat was test-fired for the first time Wednesday from the Plesetsk launch facility in northern Russia and its practice warheads have successfully reached mock targets on the Kura firing range on the far eastern Kamchatka

Peninsula.

The test launch came amid soaring tensions between Moscow and the West over the Russian military action in Ukraine and underlines the Kremlin's emphasis on the country's nuclear forces.

Russian President Vladimir Putin hailed the Sarmat launch as a major achievement, claiming that the new missile has no foreign equivalent and is capable of penetrating any prospective missile defense.

"This really unique weapon will strengthen the combat potential of our armed forces, reliably ensure Russia's security from external threats and make those, who in the heat of frantic aggressive rhetoric try to

threaten our country, think twice," Putin said Wednesday.

The Sarmat is a heavy missile that has been under development for several years to replace the Soviet-made Voyevoda, which was code-named Satan by the West and forms the core of Russia's nuclear deterrent.

The military has said that the Avangard is capable of flying 27 times faster than the speed of sound and making sharp maneuvers on its way to target to dodge the enemy's missile shield.

In anticipation of the deployment of the Sarmat, the new hypersonic vehicle has been fitted to the existing Soviet-built ICBMs, and the first unit armed with the



In this handout photo released by Roscosmos Space Agency Press Service on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, the Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile is launched from Plesetsk in Russia's northwest.

Associated Press

Avangard entered duty in December 2019.

The director and the designer-in-chief of the Makeyev missile-maker that developed the Sar-

mat, Vladimir Degtyar, said in televised remarks that its range allows it to fly along any trajectory across north or south poles to hit any target around the world. □



# 10 found dead after Japan tour boat with 26 aboard sinks

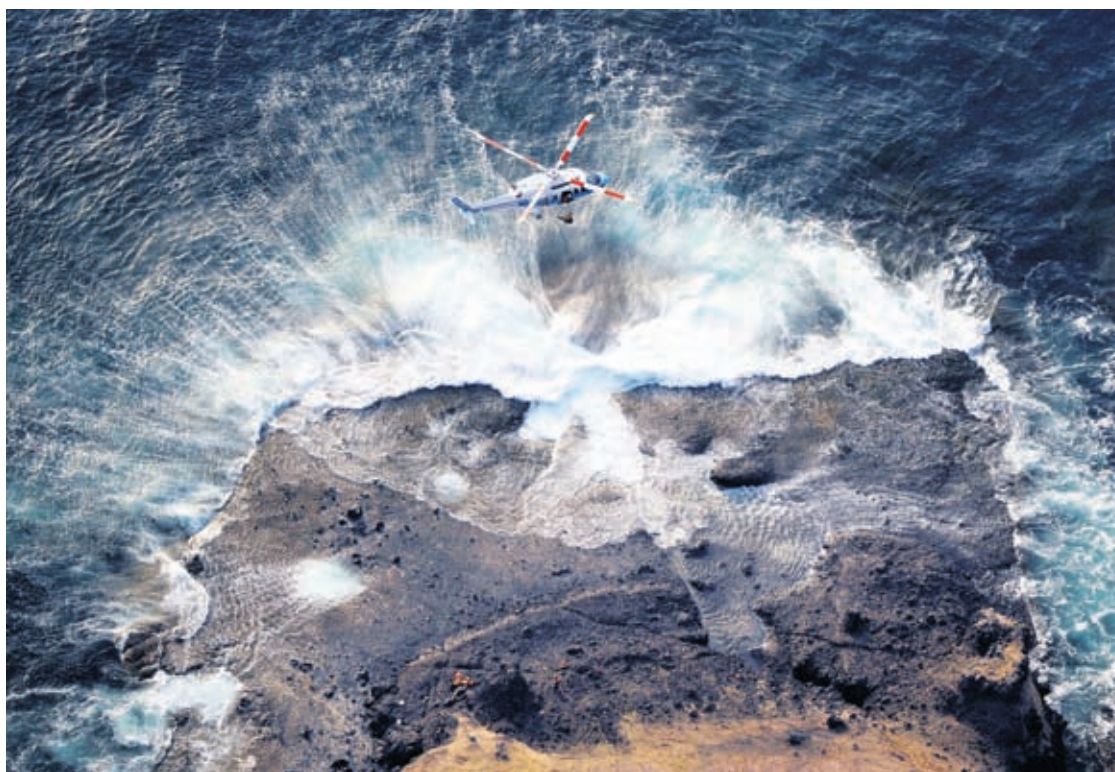
By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**

**TOKYO (AP)** — Rescuers said that 10 people who were retrieved Sunday from the frigid sea and the rocky coast of a northern Japanese national park had died, a day after a tour boat with 26 aboard apparently sank in rough waters, triggering questions why it was allowed to sail. The search for the others is still ongoing after the boat sent a distress call on Saturday afternoon saying it was sinking. The location, near the Kashuni Waterfall, is known as a difficult place to maneuver boats because of its rocky coastline and strong tide.

There were two crew and 24 passengers, including two children, on the the 19-ton Kazu 1 when it ran into troubles while traveling off the western coast of the Shiretoko Peninsula. The coast guard said the 10 victims — seven men and three women — were adults.

The Transport Ministry launched an investigation into the boat's operator, which had two accidents last year. The ministry said it was looking into safety standards and the decision to conduct the tour despite rough weather on Saturday.

The operator, Shiretoko Pleasure Cruise, had been instructed to take steps to improve its safety following earlier accidents in which it ran aground in June without causing injuries, and another in May, when three passengers suffered minor injuries when the boat collided with an object.



**This aerial photo shows a rescuer being lifted in a search operation for missing passengers and crew members of a sunken tour boat, off Shiretoko Peninsula, northern Japan of Hokkaido Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

"We will thoroughly investigate what caused this situation and what kind of safety oversight was involved to allow the tour in order to prevent another accident," Transport Minister Tetsuo Saito, who visited the area Sunday, told reporters.

Following an intensive search involving six patrol boats, several aircraft and divers that went through the night, rescuers on early Sunday found four people near the tip of Shiretoko Peninsula and later six more in the same area, about 14 kilometers (8.7 miles) north from where the boat sent a distress call. Some of them were plucked from the sea, while others were washed onto the rocky coast.

An orange-colored,

square-shaped lifesaving float with the boat's name on it was also found near the rocks, the coast guard said.

Footage on public broadcaster NHK showed one of the victims arriving on a helicopter and being transferred to an ambulance on a stretcher. Rescuers held up blue plastic shields to protect the victim's privacy. The sightseeing vessel made an emergency call early Saturday afternoon, saying its bow had flooded and that it was beginning to sink and tilt, the coast guard said. Contact with the boat had since been lost. The coast guard said the operator told them that everyone on the boat was wearing a life vest, but some of the victims found

were without them.

Average April sea temperatures in Shiretoko National Park are just above freezing, which experts say would cause hypothermia. "It's a very severe condition especially when they are wet," Jun Abe, vice chairman of the Society of Water Rescue and Survival Research, told TBS TV.

Yoshihiko Yamada, a Tokai University marine science professor, said the boat was likely to have run aground after it was tossed around in high waves and damaged. A boat of that size usually does not carry a life boat, he said.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida cut short his attendance at a two-day summit in Kumamoto in southern Japan and returned to Tokyo. He

told reporters early Sunday that he instructed officials "to do everything they can for the rescue."

The cause of the accident is under investigation, but officials and experts suspect a safety negligence. High waves and strong winds were forecast when the boat left and Japanese media reports said fishing boats had returned to port before noon Saturday because of the bad weather. A tour boat crew belonging to another operator told NHK that he warned the Kazu 1 crew of rough seas and told them not to go. He also said the same boat ran aground last year and suffered a crack on its bow.

Saturday's tour was reportedly the first by the operator this season, and the accident just before Japan's Golden Week holidays starting late April could dampen local tourism, which slumped during the pandemic. Japan is still largely closed to foreign visitors.

Hokkaido Gov. Naomichi Suzuki told reporters Sunday that he planned to request safety checks by tour operators in the prefecture ahead of the holidays.

According to the operator's website, the tour takes around three hours and offers scenic views of the western coast of the peninsula and a chance to see whales, dolphins and brown bears. The national park is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site and is famous as the southernmost region to see drifting sea ice. □

# El Salvador president wants to extend state of emergency



**El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele speaks to the press at Mexico's National Palace after meeting with the President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador in Mexico City, March 12, 2019.**

**Associated Press**

**SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)** — President Nayib Bukele asked El Salvador's congress Sunday to extend an anti-gang emergency decree for another 30 days. Bukele has used the emergency powers to round up about 16,000 suspected gang members, following a spate of murders in March. Rights groups have criticized the measures, saying arrests are often arbitrary, based on a person's ap-

pearance or where they live. The original 30-day state of emergency approved in late March restricts the right to gather, to be informed of rights and have access to a lawyer. It extends to 15 days the time that someone can be held without charges.

It came after a spate of killings in late March, when gangs were blamed for 62 killings in a single weekend, a level of violence the

country of 6.5 million has not seen in years.

Bukele has also established a raft of other measures.

Among other things, they lengthened sentences, reduced the age of criminal responsibility to 12.

El Salvador's congress has authorized prison sentences of 10 to 15 years for news media that reproduce or disseminate messages from the gangs, alarming press freedom groups. □







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## Manhunt on for suspects as 100 die in Nigeria refinery blast

By CHINEDU ASADU

Associated Press

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)** — At least 100 people may have died in an explosion at an illegal oil refinery in south-east Nigeria, a local oil official said Sunday as the search intensified for bodies at the site and for two people suspected of being involved in the blast.

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, in a statement, called the explosion a "catastrophe and a national disaster."

The explosion Friday night at the facility in Ohaji-Egbema local government area in Imo state was triggered by a fire at two fuel storage areas where more than 100 people worked, state officials told The Associated Press.

Dozens of workers were caught up in the explosion while many others attempted to escape the blaze by running into wooded areas. Those who died in the disaster are estimated to be within "the range of 100," said Goodluck Opiah, the Imo commissioner for petroleum resources. "A lot of them ran into the bush with the burns and they died there."

Buhari has directed the nation's security forces "to intensify the clampdown" on such facilities being operated illegally in many parts of southern Nigeria, a spokesperson said in a statement. Although Nigeria is Africa's largest producer of crude



People gather Saturday April 23, 2022 at the site of an explosion that took place the day before at an illegal oil refinery in Ohaji-Egbema local government area in Imo state, southeast Nigeria.

Associated Press

oil, for many years its oil production capacity has been limited by a chronic challenge of oil storage and the operation of illegal refineries.

Nigeria lost at least \$3 billion worth of crude oil to theft between January 2021 and February 2022, with shady business operators often avoiding regulators by setting up refineries in remote areas such as the one that exploded in Imo, the Nigerian Upstream Petroleum Regulatory Commission (NUPRC) said in March.

"There are no arrests yet but the two culprits are on the run with the police now

looking for them," said Declan Emelumba, the Imo State commissioner for information. Officials did not reveal the identities of the suspects.

A mass burial is being planned for those killed in the explosion, many of who "were burnt beyond recognition," said Emelumba. Environmental officials have started to fumigate the area.

Such disasters are a regular occurrence in Africa's most populous country, where poverty and unemployment – at 33% according to the latest government estimates – have forced mil-

lions of young people into criminal activities.

Operating illegal refineries is not as popular in Imo state as it is in the oil-rich Niger Delta region, where militants have gained notoriety for blowing up oil pipelines and kidnapping workers from petroleum companies.

As many as 30 illegal oil refineries were busted in the Niger Delta region in just two weeks, Nigeria's Defense Department said earlier this month when it announced a task force to curb crude oil theft.

In the aftermath of the explosion in Imo state, the

Nigerian ministry of petroleum told The AP there is "a renewed action" to tackle illegal activities in the oil sector.

The government and the military are stepping up actions "to minimize the criminalities along the oil production lines," said Horatius Egua, a senior official at the petroleum ministry.

But many of the culprits are not deterred including in Imo state, one of the few places producing oil in Nigeria's southeast. The problem of illegal refineries "has never been this bad" and remains "difficult to end," said Opiah, the Imo petroleum commissioner.

"It is like asking why kidnapping or armed robbery has not stopped," he said. "Even with this incident, not many people will be deterred. I am sure more illegal refineries will be cropping up in other places." □

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## Project presentation; Baby Beach y Rodgers Beach



**ORANJESTAD – the Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber, gave a presentation to the stakeholders, including the San Nicolas Business Association, about their plans for the second phase of the Baby Beach project and the Rodgers Beach project, namely the Seroe Colorado Masterplan.**

These projects will enhance the entire area surrounding these two frequently visited beaches while maintaining the nature in the area. It will make the enhancement project a sustainable project well within the limits of the ROPV law. The Aruba Tourism Authority, Tourism Product Enhancement Fund, and the Government will finance this master plan.

The first phase of the Baby Beach project was completed last year, and the second phase will start next. Phase 2 of the Baby Beach projects will finalize this year. The public tender of this project will take place soon. In phase 2, they will move the turtle wall further away from the water, making the beach wider with white sand.

Another project that will be ready in May is the reconstruction of the staircase leading to the Rodgers Beach.

The Rodgers Beach will have a completely new parking area, similar to the one near the Baby Beach. These areas will get new facilities where the beachgoers can buy food and beverages and public restrooms. There will also be new facilities to practice beach sports such as beach tennis and beach volleyball.

The Minister installed a tourism infrastructure project commission led by the Ministry of Tourism. This commission will work closely with the DIP and DOW to implement the beach policy. This sustainable development for the area includes new palm trees for shade and will only have limited palapa construction. □



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## AHATA thanks “Ban Lanta y Planta” on Earth Day



**ORANJESTAD** – On Earth Day, Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association made a donation to “Ban Lanta y Planta.” With this financial gesture, AHATA thanked all the volunteers dedicated to planting indigenous trees at different locations in Aruba.

CEO of AHATA, Tisa LaSorte, handed the donation to President of Ban Lanta y Planta, Ms. Anita Aerts and member of the committee, Sr. Roy Maduro, to further support their projects and help highlight the necessity of planting and caring for trees.

Trees create oxygen, gives us shadows and make our Island beautiful. When someone plants a tree, the tree will help mitigate the damages that the same person causes to our environment, by daily consumptions.

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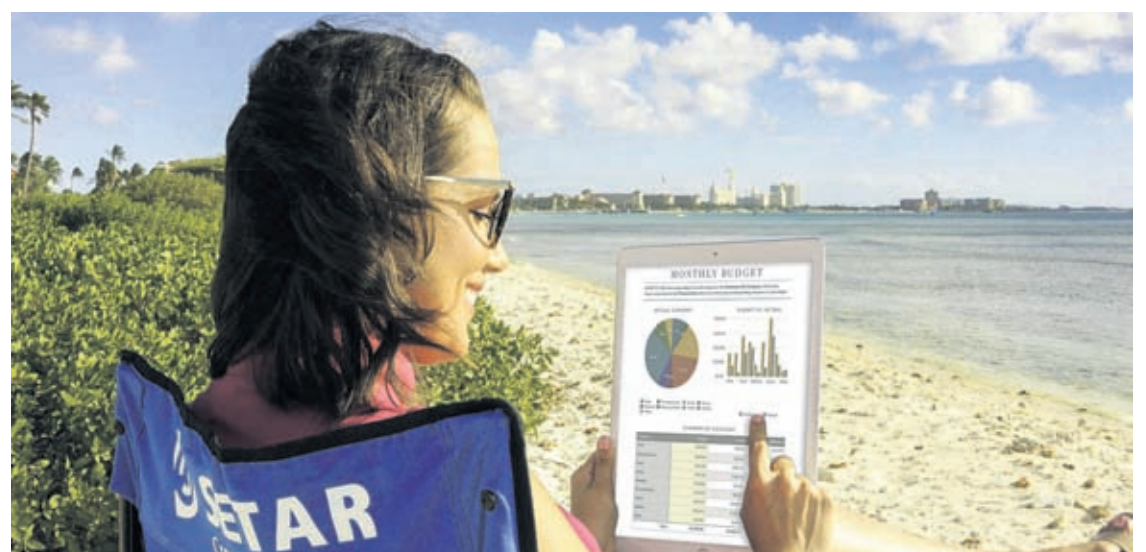
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# The Edsel, Quibi and CNN+? New addition to business failures

By **DAVID BAUDER**

AP Media Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Edsel. Quibi. New Coke. The Segway. DeLorean sports cars. The pantheon of colossal business failures has a new member in the CNN+ streaming service.

The news network's subscription offering hadn't even been operating for a month before Warner Bros. Discovery announced this week that it would be shutting down on April 30.

"It's going to be in the Top 10," said Steve Rosenbaum, executive director of the NYC Media Lab and an expert in business innovation, surveying the lengthy history of products that went belly-up.

While "CNN minus" comments quickly proliferated, it's no joke to the more than 300 people hired for CNN+, which was in development for two years. CNN is expected to absorb some of those jobs but there will be layoffs — a clear picture on those numbers is still emerging.

The company spent hundreds of millions of dollars on the project and no one knew when, or if, losses would be replaced by profits.

Old-timers remember the Edsel, a new car model introduced by Ford in 1957 that was poorly made and too expensive. It was discontinued after two years, costing Ford an estimated \$250 million, the name remembered as a synonym for business failure long after the car itself was forgotten.

Coca-Cola's attempt to introduce a new flavor in 1985 was dropped in



Signage is seen at CNN center, Thursday, April 21, 2022, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

weeks. Except for its cameo role in the "Back to the Future" movies, the DeLorean didn't make a dent. Inventors of the Segway found in 1999 that not many people wanted to spend around \$5,000 for a glorified scooter.

Quibi, short for "quick bites," had the backing of Hollywood's biggest names and \$1.75 billion from investors when the mobile video service was introduced in 2020. It lasted six months. Presciently, reporter Josef Adalian recalled that failure in an article for Vulture headlined, "CNN+ has Quibi Vibes," that posted two days after its launch.

"CNN+ in its formative phase feels somewhat like the Quibi of streaming news," Adalian wrote. "Lots of money has been spent, big stars are onboard, but it's hard to figure out just what the service is supposed to be and why a

large number of people will want to pay for it."

Rosenbaum, a self-described news junkie, couldn't figure out what CNN+ offered that was unique and vital to him. He said he never even considered paying the monthly \$5.99 fee to subscribe. He said it had "lots of famous faces that I get other places."

CNN+ has a handful of its own news programs, documentaries and talk shows and big names like Chris Wallace, Anderson Cooper and Jemele Hill but, because of cable and satellite contracts, could not offer a streamed version of what most people know CNN for, the television network's continuous news coverage.

People can find streaming news in several places — ABC, CBS and NBC all have their own services, for example — for free.

"In launching a new business, timing is everything and their timing couldn't have been worse," said Allen Adamson, cofounder of the marketing firm Metaforce. "Streaming services were in a bubble and everyone knew there was a limit to how many streaming services they would get."

When Discovery bought out CNN's previous corporate owner, AT&T, many observers believed CNN+ would eventually be absorbed into a larger app that also had entertainment offerings.

It never got that far, leaving some of its employees shell-shocked at the Thursday meeting when they were told the service would abruptly close.

One of the service's biggest champions, former CNN chief Jeff Zucker, was bumped out of the picture on Feb. 1 when he was

forced to resign because of not disclosing a romantic relationship with a co-worker.

CNN+ launched on March 24, only days before Discovery executives took over. In a sense, that was a business provocation: Why start a project that was the brainchild of a former leadership team, just before new leaders were coming with ideas of their own, not to mention a mandate to cut costs?

Incoming CNN chief executive Chris Licht, in Thursday's meeting with employees, likened it to a new owner coming in, seeing a beautiful new house, but declaring he needed an apartment instead.

The Discovery team made it clear in the meeting that they didn't think CNN+ was going to work, based on its own experience with streaming.

"If we're going in a new direction, we can't let it go on one moment more than it needs to," said J.B. Perrette, head of streaming for the new company, in the employee meeting.

Licht repeatedly praised his staff for the quality of CNN+, and there's no way of knowing whether the product itself would have failed if it had a few years to settle in.

And Rosenbaum said he might have been enticed to see if it was worth it with an offer of a few free months.

Time, however, was one thing CNN+ did not have.

"It's a big failure," Adamson said, "but not as big as it would have been if it kept going and became a black hole of money." □

## Feds: Starbucks engaged in unfair labor practices in Phoenix

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Federal labor officials have asked a judge to force Starbucks Corp. to reinstate three union activists at its Phoenix location, alleging that the coffee giant engaged in unfair labor practices, documents show.

The National Labor Relations Board's Phoenix re-

gional director, in a filing Friday in U.S. District Court in Arizona, sought an injunction that would make Starbucks hire back its three employees — who were three of four members of the union organizing committee.

The NLRB's petition is the latest blow to the coffee chain

as locations nationwide seek to unionize. Workers at the flagship Seattle location voted Thursday to form a union, as did baristas in Colorado on Friday.

In Phoenix, federal labor officials allege that Starbucks retaliated after it learned of employees there seeking to unionize. □



Michelle Eisen, a barista at the Buffalo, N.Y., Elmwood Starbucks location, helps out the local Starbucks Workers United, employees of a local Starbucks, as they gather at a local union hall to cast votes to unionize or not, on Feb. 16, 2022, in Mesa, Ariz.

Associated Press



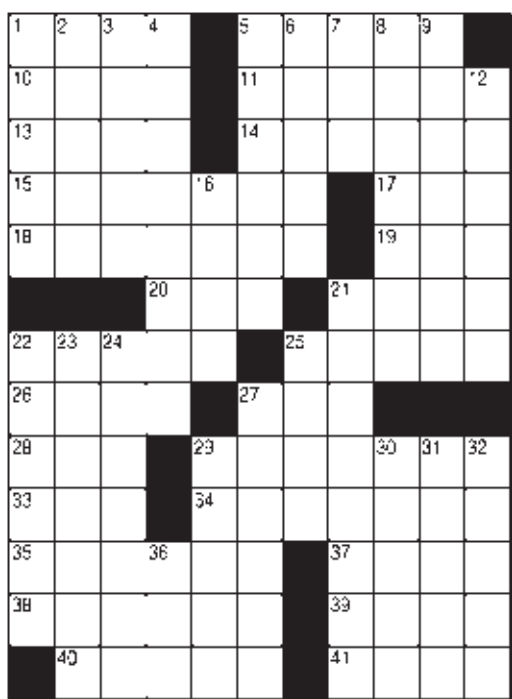
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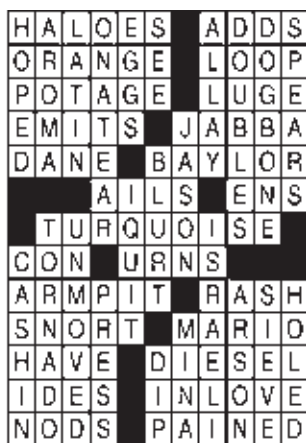
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# Program helps Congo families protect endangered gorillas



This photo provided by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund shows a Silverback and infant Grauer's gorillas in Kahuzi Biega National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo on April 17, 2014.

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Decades of conservation efforts have stabilized the population of endangered mountain gorillas in eastern Africa. But the number of Grauer's gorillas — a less furry, lower elevation-dwelling animal — has declined, largely due to habitat loss and hunting.

On Friday, the nonprofit Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund announced that more land in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo where Grauer's gorillas live will fall under a community-protection initiative.

The critically endangered species has lost an estimated 60% of its population in the past two decades, and an estimated 3,800 to 6,800 individuals remain.

Most Grauer's gorillas now live outside national parks, and protecting them will be difficult in a region facing sustained human conflicts. Their rainforest homes are being cleared for agriculture and mining, and the gorillas are sometimes hunted for food or trapped by snares intended to catch other animals.

A 2016 law allows communities in Congo to apply for rights to manage their tra-

ditional lands. The Fossey Fund has helped communities in eastern Congo complete that paperwork and entered into agreements with families to provide assistance and training for the sustainable management of their lands.

On Friday, it announced that 307 square miles (796 square kilometers) had been added to the program. The addition means 919 square miles (2,379 square kilometers) are now being watched over by about 20 families.

The community can decide what activities should be allowed on their lands, and to try to enforce those choices. The Fossey Fund provides education and funding.

Community members are trained and then hired "to conduct the science needed to monitor the biodiversity of the forest — biological inventories, gorilla tracking, plant biomass for estimating carbon capture," said Urbain Ngobobo, director of the nonprofit's Congo programs.

This model differs from the approach used to protect the mountain gorillas. They live almost exclusively with-

in the boundaries of national parks in Rwanda, Uganda and Congo, allowing researchers to cooperate with park managers to protect the species.

Most Grauer's gorillas don't live inside national parks — and it's not feasible to expand the parks to fully cover their habitats.

"Grauer's gorillas exist exclusively in a country that has suffered really extreme degrees of instability for decades," said Richard Bergl, a primatologist and director of conservation at the North Carolina Zoo.

"When there is violence happening, it's very challenging to maintain the infrastructure of a national park," he said. "But the communities will be there regardless of political instability. If you have their support, you have a chance."

Community interests vary, but in general there is an incentive to protect their lands from being pillaged by outsiders, whether they're illegal mining operators or commercial hunters, said Dirck Byler, vice chair of the great apes specialist group for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the scientific body that designates species as endangered.

"Most of these communities want to maintain their forests as they've been in the past," used for subsistence hunting and plant harvesting, said Byler, who has worked extensively in Congo.

Community-based conservation schemes have been effective in slowing or reversing the decline of endangered species in other regions, such as the Nigerian mountains where cross river gorillas live and the savannah of northwestern Namibia where endangered rhinos live, Bergl said. "The wildlife there would be gone if it weren't for community involvement and management," he said. "If we're going to be successful, it's going to be because of efforts to support the communities to manage their forests." □

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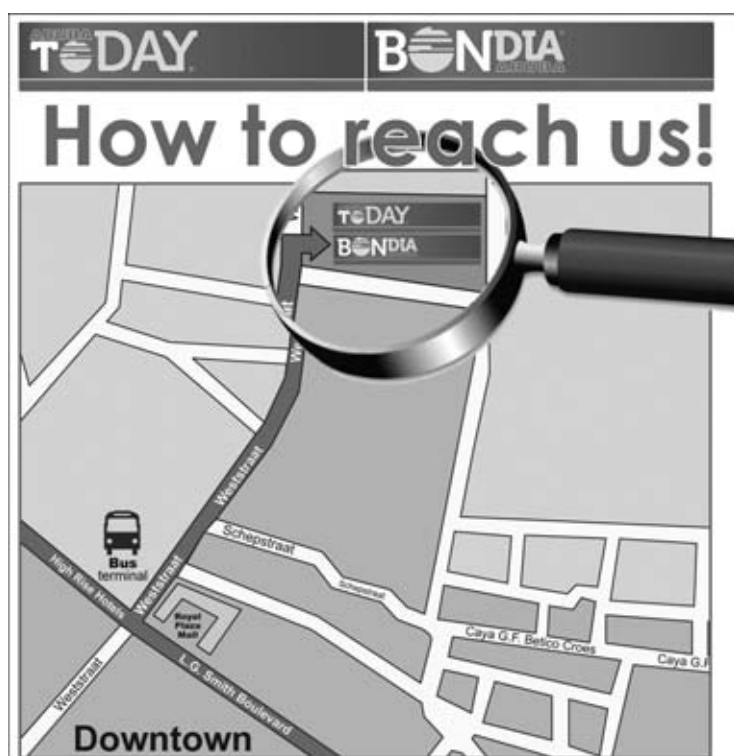
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# 'Bad Guys' bests 'The Northman,' Nick Cage at the box office

By JAKE COYLE

**NEW YORK (AP)** — On an unusually crowded weekend at movie theaters that featured a pricey Viking epic and Nicolas Cage playing himself, DreamWorks Animation's "The Bad Guys" bested the field, signaling a continued resurgence for family moviegoing after a downturn during the pandemic.

"The Bad Guys," released by Universal Pictures, debuted with \$24 million in U.S. and Canada ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. That came despite steep competition for families from Paramount Pictures' "Sonic The Hedgehog 2," which stayed in second place with \$15.2 million its third week of release. It's grossed \$145.8 million domestically thus far.

The apparent health of family moviegoing is especially good news for Hollywood as it heads into its lucrative summer season when films like Universal's own "Minions: Rise of Gru" and Walt Disney Co.'s "Lightyear" — the first Pixar film opening in theaters in two years — hope to approach pre-pandemic levels.

"There's reason for being more than cautiously optimistic," said Jim Orr, head of distribution for Universal. "I think audiences this summer are going to be flooding into theaters."

While studios have been hesitant to program many films against each other during the pandemic, the weekend saw a rarity: three new wide releases, all of them well-received, none of them sequels or re-



This image released by Focus Features shows Ethan Hawke in a scene from "The Northman." Associated Press

makes.

"The Bad Guys," based on Aaron Blabey's children's graphic novel series about a gang of crooked animals with a Quentin Tarantino-for-kids tone, fared well with critics (85% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) and audiences (an "A" CinemaScore). With little family competition until the release of "Lightyear" in mid-June, "The Bad Guys" should play well for weeks. Having first debuted overseas, the animated film has already grossed \$63.1 million internationally.

The weekend's other new releases — Robert Eggers' "The Northman" and the Cage-starring "The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent" — didn't do as well but still fared reasonably solidly in their first weekend.

"Every weekend is a building block in the recovery, but I don't even want to

call it a recovery. I think movie theaters are recovered. We're pretty much there," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for ComScore. "Three newcomers were all well-received, and all of them found an audience."

The risks were greatest for Focus Features' "The Northman," which saw its budget balloon beyond \$70 million, a major increase in scale for Eggers, the director of previous indie historical horrors "The Witch" and "The Lighthouse." The film's path to profitability was unlikely even before launching in theaters, but it opened on the higher side of expectations with \$12 million in ticket sales. It added \$6.3 million internationally in 26 territories.

"The Northman" stars Alexander Skarsgard, Anya Taylor-Joy and Nicole Kidman

star in a brutal and bloody revenge saga.

"First and foremost, we wanted to work with Robert Eggers," said Lisa Bunnell, head of distribution for Focus, which had handled international distribution for Eggers' first two films. "The key here is that we got to make a film that we wanted to make with a filmmaker we feel is part of the future of American cinema. He's got a very distinctive voice. He's making film with original IP, not just going in: 'Let's make a sequel!'"

Meanwhile, a new installment in a once all-powerful brand, the Harry Potter spinoff "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore," fell off a cliff in its second weekend in theaters. The Warner Bros. release, the third "Fantastic Beasts" movie, dropped 67% in its second week with \$14 mil-

lion. That's a bad sign for the future of the franchise, should it be continued by Warner Bros. (The studio has thus far held off on greenlighting a fourth film.) Still, "Secrets of Dumbledore," last week's top film, is doing better overseas. International sales of \$213.2 million account for the lion share of the film's \$280.3 million global haul.

Lionsgate's "The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent," a gonzo meta comedy starring Cage as an exaggerated version of himself, opened with an estimated \$7.2 million. The film, which first launched to warm reviews out of South by Southwest, will depend on good word of mouth to approach netting its \$30 million budget.

That's the kind success that "Everything Everywhere All at Once" has had. The A24 release, a madcap meta-verse fantasy starring Michelle Yeoh, has been one of the brightest signs for the specialty film business, another sector of the industry that struggled theatrically during the pandemic. In its fifth week, "Everything Everywhere All at Once" grossed \$5.4 million, a drop of just 12% from the week prior.

But the biggest breakthrough in theaters this April has been for family moviegoing. It's good timing for the film industry, which will this week convene in Las Vegas for CinemaCon, the annual convention and trade show for trumpeting theatrical exhibition. Expect plenty of proclamations that movie theaters are back. □

## Jon Stewart to receive Mark Twain Prize for American humor

By ASHRAF KHALIL

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A host of celebrities and comedy royalty will gather Sunday night at the Kennedy Center as comedian, talk show host and political influencer Jon Stewart receives the Mark Twain Prize for lifetime achievement in humor.

Stewart, the 23rd recipient of the prize, will be hon-

ored by testimonials and skits from fellow comedians and previous Mark Twain recipients. Stewart himself spoke during Dave Chappelle's Mark Twain ceremony in 2019.

The 59-year-old Stewart — born Jonathan Stuart Leibowitz — rose to prominence as a standup comic and host of multiple failed talk shows before taking

over Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" in 1999. His 16-year run as "Daily Show" host turned him into a cultural and political force as Stewart trained his satirical eye on both politics and an increasingly polarized national media.

In perhaps his most iconic moment, Stewart went on CNN's popular "Crossfire" debate show in 2004 and

challenged the show's entire premise of left-wing vs. right-wing debate. Stewart told co-hosts Tucker Carlson and Paul Begala they had a "responsibility to the public discourse" that they were cheapening with insincere political role-playing.

Stewart's appearance rocketed him to new levels of prominence and po-

litical relevance and may have sealed the fate of "Crossfire," which was canceled three months later. Since retiring from "The Daily Show" in 2015, Stewart has become a vocal proponent of a number of social causes and one of the most prominent voices in support of health care for Sept. 11 first responders in New York City. □



# Cole, Rizzo lead Yanks to sweep as fans heckle Guardians

By The Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gerrit Cole bounced back from the shortest start of his career, Anthony Rizzo powered an early offensive barrage and the New York Yankees pounded the Cleveland Guardians 10-2 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep in a series marred by fan misbehavior.

Cole (1-0) struck out nine over 6 2/3 scoreless innings, and Rizzo's two-run drive in the first inning tied him for the AL lead with five homers. New York won for the fifth time in six games.

Cleveland outfielders struggled a day after fans threw bottles, cans and other debris at them immediately following New York's walk-off victory. Myles Straw and Oscar Mercado were heckled after misplays, and breakout rookie Steven Kwan left early with right hamstring tightness.

Cleveland starter Aaron Civale (0-1) allowed six earned runs in three innings, pushing his ERA to 9.58 over three starts.

## REDS 4, CARDINALS 1

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — First-round draft pick Nick Lodolo got his first major league win as Cincinnati beat St. Louis to end an 11-game skid, its worst in six years.

Colin Moran drove in two runs for the Reds, who had been 0-4 at home this year and had not won anywhere since April 10. Cincinnati is a majors-worst 3-13.

Lodolo (1-2) allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked none in 5 1/3 scoreless innings. Adam Wainwright (2-2) allowed four runs, eight hits and three walks in five-plus innings.

## GIANTS 12, NATIONALS 3

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Joc Pederson homered twice, doubled and drove in three runs as San Francisco completed a three-game sweep of Washington.

Wilmer Flores added three RBI singles for San Francisco, which swept a series of at least three games at Nationals Park for the first time June 6-9, 2008.

Logan Webb (2-1) allowed three runs on seven hits and struck out six over 6 2/3 in-

nings.

Joan Adon (1-3) pitched four-plus innings and was charged with five runs on six hits.

## RAYS 5, RED SOX 2

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Shane McCannahan beat Boston to become Tampa Bay's first starting pitcher to get a win this season.

The Red Sox scored twice in the first inning against McCannahan, but pinch-hitter Ji-Man Choi had a tying, two-run double as the Rays rallied for three runs in the fifth.

McCannahan (1-1) pitched shutout ball from the second through the sixth.

Phillips Valdez (0-1) took the loss in relief of starter Rich Hill.

## MARLINS 5, BRAVES 4

**MIAMI (AP)** — Garrett Co-



New York Yankees starting pitcher Gerrit Cole deals against the Cleveland Guardians during the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, April 24, 2022, in New York.

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per had three hits and two RBIs, Avisail García hit a go-ahead double in the fifth inning and Miami took two of three from Atlanta.

Atlanta trailed 5-1 in the

ninth before Matt Olson's sacrifice fly and Austin Riley's two-run homer off Tanner Scott. Louis Head relieved and got his first big league save, allowing Mar-

cell Ozuna's double and then striking out Adam Duvall and Eddie Rosario.

Jesús Luzardo (1-1) allowed one run and two hits in five innings.

Atlanta starter Bryce Elder (1-2) gave up two runs five hits and six walks in 4 2/3 innings.

## ROCKIES 6, TIGERS 2

**DETROIT (AP)** — Randal Grichuk had three hits, including his first home run of the season, and Colorado beat Detroit.

Charlie Blackmon had four hits, scored twice and drove in two runs for Colorado.

Chad Kuhl (2-0) allowed one run and four hits in six innings.

Tyler Alexander (0-2) gave up five runs on eight hits and a walk in 3 2/3 innings. □

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